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SUBJECT:LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA TO SECRETARY
REF: SECTO 02023 (NODIS)

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER FROM
FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA TO THE SECRETARY TRANSMITTED
THROUGH THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY ON JUNE 4 (PORTUGUESE TEXT
BEING POUCHED):

2. BEGIN TEXT: #MY DEAR HENRY, WHILE YET AT COCHABAMBA
FOR THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE RIVER PLATE
BASIN; I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF MAY 28 ON THE RECONVENING
OM THE PREPARATORY MEETING FOR A NEW CONFERENCE ON ENERGY,
ALSO CONCERNING THE STUDY OF INNOVATING POSSIBILITIES OF
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. I SEE IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS A CONSTRUCTIVE EVOLUTION OF
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THE UNITED STATES' POSITION VIS-A-VIS THESE PROBLEMS AND

A FLEXIBILITY WHICH REPRESENTS A STEP FORWARD RELATIVE TO THE ATTITUDE OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION AT THE PARIS MEETING LAST APRIL. I PRAISE YOUR EFFORTS IN THE SEARCH FOR OPERATIVE COMMON DENOMINATORS. FURTHERMORE, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR REFERENCE TO OUR RECENT CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON, DURING WHICH I TOLD YOU, PRECISELY, OF BRAZIL'S DESIRE TO HELP BRING ABOUT A SATISFACTORY UNDERSTANDING ON THE

QUESTIONS TO WHICH YOU REFER. YOU SAY IN YOUR LETTER THAT YOUR SUGGESTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED IN A SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION AND INNOVATION. I, TOO, THOUGHT AND STILL THINK THAT WITHOUT THE WILL TO INNOVATE AND, THEREFORE, TO ALTER ATTITUDES HARDENED DURING PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE SATISFACTORY RESULTS IN THE EFFORTS TOWARDS AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS, BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. THE RANGE OF YOUR SUGGESTIONS IS SUCH THAT I AM NOT IN A POSITION AT THE MOMENT TO ENTER INTO A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THEM. I SHALL RETURN TO THE MATTER LATER ON. MAY I MENTION ONLY, AS A PRELIMINARY REACTION, THAT THE ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR SUGGESTIONS BY THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING WOULD BE FACILITATED IF THERE WERE A BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE OTHER COMMITTEES AS REGARDS THEIR DECISION-MAKING POWERS. I FORESEE, ALSO, SOME DIFFICULTIES, WHICH SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO AT ONCE, IN REGARDS TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEES AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MULTILATERAL AGENCIES ALREADY IN EXISTENCE FOR DEALING WITH THOSE QUESTIONS. ALL THESE, HOWEVER, ARE CHALLENGES TO OUR DETERMINATION AND GOOD WILL, NOT REASONS FOR CONFINING OURSELVES WITHIN POSITIONS OF LITTLE CONSTRUCTIVE VALUE.

5. CORDIAL GREETINGS FROM, ANTONIO." END TEXT. KISSINGER

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